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SUNDAY — JULY 17

12:00 — Chicken Barbecue, a food fest and gab fest for everyone.

3:00 — Religious Services, conducted by the local Ministerial Association.

MONDAY — JULY 18

All day — Come downtown and watch the preparations for our grand celebration. Visit the stores for the beginning of a full week of special old-fashioned bargains.

TUESDAY — JULY 19

6:30 — Mayor's opening and welcome.

7:00 — Garden Tractor Skill Driving, a contest for men, women and boys. Prizes for each class.

7:00/11:00 — Other special events to be announced.

WEDNESDAY — JULY 20

6:30 — Queen Parade, a caravan of six beauty contestants with escorts.

7:00 — Queen Contest, the judging and selection of the "Miss Gold 'N' Diamond Jubilee".

8:30 — The Orbits, a lively combo for the young timers to enjoy, both listening and dancing.

7:30/11:00 — Extra unannounced activities.

THURSDAY — JULY 21

6:30 — Pet Parade, watch the children with their favorite pets stroll proudly down the street.

7:00 — Pony Pull, members from Allen, Noble, DeKalb and Whitley counties will be competing in two weight classes for the Jubilee championship.

7:00/11:00 — Surprise contests and events.

* * * Who's in the jailhouse now, have you looked lately? * * *

FRIDAY — JULY 22

7:00 — Jubilee Bell Costume Judging, 2 WOWO DJ's, prizes.

9:00 — Dick Stoner — Magician.

7:00/11:00 — More special activities.

* * * Lost your husband? Better check the Kangaroo Kalaboose * * *

SATURDAY — JULY 23

11:00 — Thrill Rides, Helicopter Rides, Old Car Display.

4:00 — Grand Parade, featuring bands, old cars, floats, costumes, marching groups, clowns, etc.

6:00 — Firemen's Waterball Contest, women's waterball contest.

8:00 — Beard Judging for members of the "Brothers of the Brush".

10:00 — Closing ceremonies.

7:00/11:00 — Don't miss the spur-of-the-moment events.

* * * Don't worry Ma! They have to let him out by midnight. * * *

Voice From The Past Describes Early Butler

By J. A. BARBER (This history was written 42 years ago)

In writing historical sketches inaccuracies are bound to creep in, and this sketch of early Butler will not prove an exception to the rule, but will be in the main correct, although the dates may not be exactly correct.

Prior to 1840 there was but few people living in this locality. A few settlers came in the thirties. In 1840 or soon thereafter homeseekers began coming and it was not long before all government land was entered for homes. The birth of Butler dates from about 1852 or the location of the L.S. & M.S. RR here. The land on which Butler is now located at that time was owned by Daniel Tomlinson, a Mr. Colgrove and George Egnew.

The Colgrove 80-acre tract, now occupied by Oak and Depot streets, the railroad grounds as far south as Willow street, passed to the ownership of Charles Norris in exchange for the farm now owned by Wesley Showalter, as Mr. Norris thought a town would soon start, which proved true.

At about this time a company was organized at Logansport, Indiana, known as the Eel River R.R. Company to build a railroad from that place to Butler and intersect the L.S. & M.S. The road was not completed until 1873. The Lake Shore began construction at once and by 1856 was completed. Charles Norris in the meantime had moved onto the Colgrove tract, formed a partnership with his son-in-law, Amersy Smith, and started a little store, the first in Butler. Hence, the settlement was first known as Norristown, that name being used for a number of years. Upon completion of the railroad the company called the station Butler and the name Norristown was finally dropped.

About the same time a small settlement built up one-half mile west and was known as Packertown, from one of its citizens, August Packer.

The railroad was an incentive for Butler to grow quite rapidly and it was only a short time until it had become quite a little town. A grist mill was soon erected two squares east and one square south of Broadway and Oak streets. A sawmill was erected on the ground now occupied by the Butler Company. The mill passed to the hands of various owners, among them being Peter Mycoff, Hutchinson Boon, Hambright Reese and Sons, and Cornelius Veeley. C. S. Stoy was the last owner. The ground was then sold and the mill dismantled.

In the early sixties, a family by the name of Taft located a stave and heading factory on the railroad grounds about where the Butler Milling Company is now located. This factory was a great help to the town and country around about. Besides making quite a good market for timber at fair prices, it furnished employment for at least one hundred persons.

There was what was at that time known as an ashery located one and one-half squares east of Broadway on Oak street, owned by a man named Miles. The business of this concern was to make black salts or pearl ash from ashes furnished by the farmers who got them from timber burned up in clearing their land.

A buggy and wagon factory operated wholly by hand was located where the M. E. Church now stands, owned and operated by a man named Plowe. This factory built some very nice buggies. This industry came here about 1867.

The town had two good blacksmiths, one located just west of the Wagoner grocery on Main street, owned by David Blaker and afterwards by Isaac Daily. The other was on the south side of Main street on part of the ground now occupied by the M. E. Church.

A very necessary business in those days was a tanning factory, and one was established here about 1856 by Mr. Oberlin and sons, Phillip and Benjamin. They did a good business and furnished the very best of leather. Mr. Oberlin died in 1863 and the business was continued by the sons for a number of years, when it passed into other hands. Near the tannery were two or three shoe shops. James Revett was among the owners of these.

When Butler first started, the main business portion of the town was on the north side of Main street east of Broadway. Where the Underhill meat market is now located, Canady & Stitz had a dry goods store. The next room was

used as a dry goods and grocery store by John Isherwood, and he was quite a business man. He came here about 1859 or 1860, his business grew until 1863, he erected the first brick building in Butler and moved his stock of goods into the room. The building is yet among the best in Butler and stands on the northeast corner of Broadway and Oak streets. About the same time this man built the dwelling house south of town on the William Blair farm.

West of Broadway, the Sheldon Brothers, both doctors, had a very good drug store for those early days. Both had merited the reputation of being good honorable citizens. My recollection is that James, the younger of the two, was brought here in later years for burial in the city cemetery. Thomas lived in a house just west of the drug store. On the next corner west, John and Main streets, William Shaw had a residence and cabinet shop, which he operated until in the early seventies. On the opposite corner west was a small residence built by a man named Shull. Beyond this point west to Packertown was a dense forest of large oak, elm and maple with the smaller varieties intervening. This was of date about 1858.

On the west side of Broadway and south of Main street, from 1852 to 1865, most of the space was built in with small frame business rooms, occupied at various times with dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and a general store owned by Joseph R. Lanning, who was a resident of Butler for many years. Also an eccentric old gentleman by the name of Bruin Duell kept on hand a supply of lager beer. He was the subject of a good many jokes for the boys of those days.

In 1864 Andrew Steall ran a grocery store in a building where the Tyson meat market is now located. In a year or two this store passed to Joseph Beck, who about 1872, built the brick building now standing on this ground and this was the first brick structure on the west side of Broadway and second in the town. In 1858, Simon Steifel came to Butler and engaged in the dry goods and clothing business, bought grain, pork, cloverseed, furs and all things he could find a market for and was a very helpful businessman for the country in many ways. He remained in business here until he became old and feeble and the buisness was operated by his sons for some time afterwards. Mr. Steifel passed away in the early eighties. He raised a family of four boys and three girls, who were all educated in the Butler schools.

Elias Strauss was another of the first

N.E. Corner of Broadway & Oak taken 1880. Now known as The Dime Store and Oberlin Sales.

Northwest Corner Broadway & Main taken about 1910.

business men of Butler, coming about the same time as the Steifel family. He engaged principally in the clothing business and in conncetion bought and sold a great many horses. He was by nature a lover of horses. He built in the summer of 1865 the frame building on the corner of Broadway and Oak streets recently destroyed by fire.

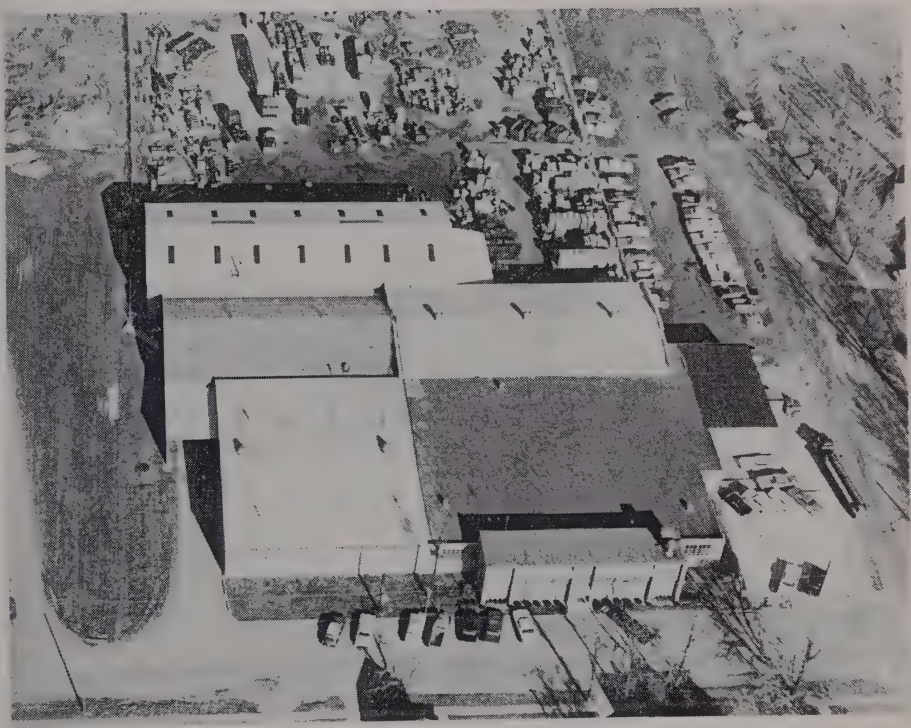
In the first business buildings on the east side of Broadway were the Blaker hotel, a store built by Henry Hatch, and a little building used for a saloon and residence. Next on the corner of Broadway and Oak streets was the old building that still stands and has been there not less than 72 years, and in which the writer sold a melon for ten cents about 66 years ago. Alex Trimble, the owner of the little grocery and buyer of the melon, had some fun with the barefoot boy. Mr. Trimble did all the business in the deal, even to furnishing the money. The boy was glad to make his exit as soon as he got his ten cents.

About 1852 or 1854 Norman Harding built a nice large hotel for those days on the ground where the Hotel Butler now stands. This soon changed ownership and management. It was destroyed by fire in the latter seventies. A small building stood north of the hotel in which was kept a millinery store, owned by Miss Madden, a sister of Dr. Madden and the other Madden men, who were among the first settlers in Butler.

This pretty well covers the business story of Butler from 1840 to 1870, as about the latter date seems to furnish a dividing historical line. On or just previous to that date two different brick yards were located here and large quantities of brick were made for those days. They furnished material out of which about all of the brick buildings of the town were made. One of these factories was owned and operated by the partnership of Mosier & Hopkins and the other

This photo has no date but we recognize it as Maxton's location.

1953 TO 1966



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by Henry Lindorfer. The querry is "why can't we have such factories now?.

The early residence part of Butler was mainly along East Main and North Broadway. Most of the buildings are still standing, but nearly all have been rebuilt and changed so much that their first owners would not know them.

The first Butler church building was the old M. E. Church building in the northeast part of town, built about 1859 or 1860. This served its purpose and the present fine brick building took its place.

In going over these historical periods, first-class material is furnished for a few lessons on the subject of contracts. By way of contrasting or comparing the present with fifty years ago.

Among the first doctors to locate here can be mentioned Milligan, Madden, Miller, Sheldon, Hoofingarner, Carpenter, Waterhouse and Dr. Fanning who came in 1869 or 70.

Among the people identified with the growth of Butler can be mentioned: E. W. Fosdick, A. J. Mason, Charles Norris, George Egnew, Daniel Tomlinson, the grandfather of Mrs. Elden, William Blair, Jacob Funk, Jason and William Hubbell, Hiram, Theodore and John Madden, Jonathan Hazlett, David and John Blaker, Archillas Blaker, John Zeigler, Hutchinson Boon, John and Louis Moore, Hambright Reese, James Chambers, James McCurdy, the Oberlin family and others who do not come to my mind at present.

The law profession was first represented by E. W. Fosdick, James E. Rose and A. F. Pinchon.

In making up a historical sketch like the foregoing, it is difficult to get it as correct as it should be, for by writing as it comes to the mind, important incidents and people connected with them escape.

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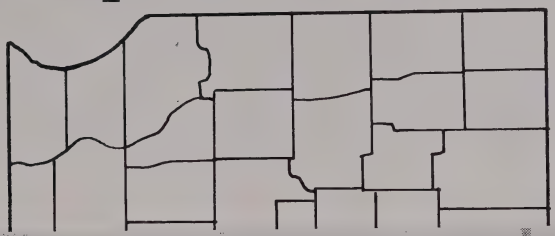
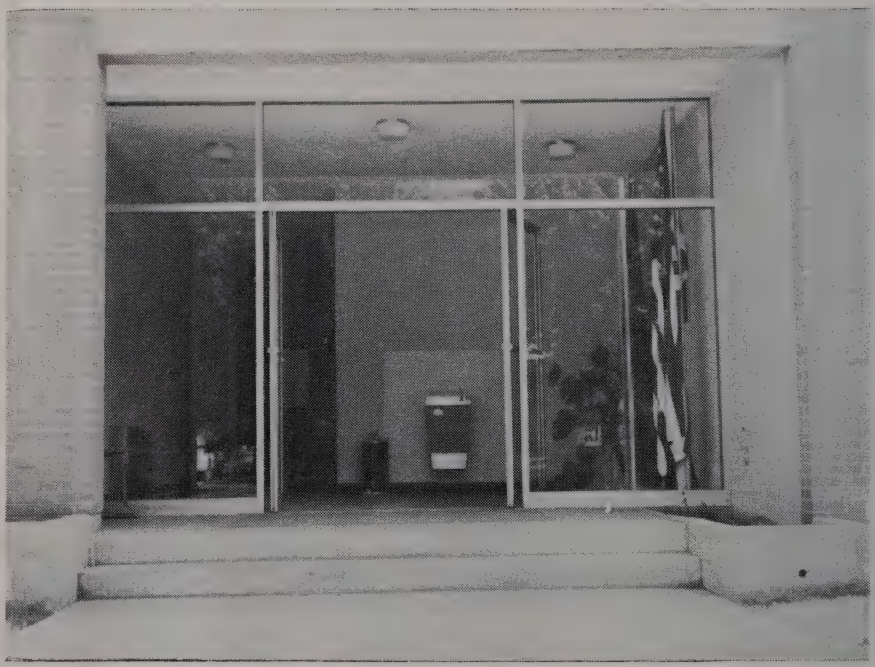


We're a newcomer on the Hoosier industrial scene, just 20 years old this year. In that short span of time, we've grown from a converted garage and 40 employees to the sprawling Butler plant pictured above which employees over 350 workers.

We're proud to have been a part of The Butler Story . . . past, present and future.

City Administrators occupied this beautiful new City Hall in 1959 after the old building was demolished.



Through these portals pass Butler's elected officials.

125 Years of Progress In Community Government

By RAYMOND D. McCANN, Mayor of Butler, Ind.

The first settlement of what is now Butler was made in about 1841 and was called Norristown. This settlement was governed by the Wilmington township trustees up to the time of incorporation.

Among these trustees were John Helwig, Joseph Totem, Aza Sawyer, Thomas Fosdick, E. W. Fosdick, Edgar Treman, Wm. Maxwell, Nelson Smurr, Wm. H. Thomas, Dr. W. H. Madden, G. Maxwell, P. B. Nimmons and others whose names we do not have. The family names of the foregoing trustees are still found among residents of this community.

In 1866 shortly after the Civil War the settlement of Norristown was incorporated as Butler.

The first officers of the Town of Butler were the town trustees: W. P. Carpenter, J. A. Campbell, Elihu Walker; the clerk, A. A. Howard; the first town marshall, Wm. Thomas.

The main duties of the officials at that time and for a number of years were the construction of new streets, drainage and the ever present duty of law and order in a growing town.

By the year of 1892 it was decided to build a town hall. The town trustees at that time were Thomas Rudd, L. J. Diehl, Ira Kinney and S. B. McLain. Frank H. Stewart was town clerk and Geo. W. Geddes was treasurer. Isaac Hose was the town marshall.

The town hall stood for over 70 years and up to the building of the school gymnasium was the community center for many meetings.

The town at this time had grown to nearly 2,500 population and was demanding a sewerage system, paved streets, electric lights and a better water system. A petition was circulated asking for the city form of government and an election was called and the majority were in favor of city government and Butler became a city in 1903.

The first mayor was Sam G. Stone, who resigned before the end of his term and John Hazelet was made mayor to fulfill his unexpired term of office.

In 1906 Wallace Webster was elected mayor. Frank Brink served as clerk. During Webster's term the present sewerage system was built.

In 1910 W. J. Mondhank became mayor and under his administration Main street and Broadway were paved. This added much to the beauty and development of Butler. L. C. Harding, A. S. Kester, J. J. Oberlin, Frank Creager and Ora Waterman were councilmen. L. C. Buehrer was clerk.

Dr. A. A. Kramer was mayor from 1914 to 1918. During his term WW I began and many of the boys were called to serve in the army. The councilmen were Geo. Rowe, Ora Waterman, M. M. Knepper and Chas. Hiner. L. C. Buchrer and R. C. Campbell were clerks.

From 1918 to 1922 Geo. L. Rowe was mayor of Butler. E. C. Miller, A. U. Vernier, C. W. Mutzfeld, J. A. Kester and Frank Good were councilmen. Clerks were H. R. Hewey, Ross Tomlinson and L. F. Tombow. Treasurer, Chas. W. Campbell.

L. F. Tombow was elected mayor in 1921 and served until 1930. Some of the councilmen were C. W. Mutzfeld, W. J. Mondhank, Ellis Kissinger, C. C. Cook, Chas. Mumaw, J. A. Kester and Ed Graf; Clerk, Roscoe Capp and Treasurer, E. E. Frisbie. During this period there was more paving done on East Oak street, Pearl street and Walnut street.

C. C. Cook was elected mayor in 1929 and served during 1930 to 1934. He was the last mayor of Butler city as the state legislature raised the population requirement to 3,000 and this automatically reverted Butler back to a town government. The councilmen were: E. L. Noragon, Ed Graf, Carl Oberlin, Dale Higley and Bert Moughler; Clerk, Roscoe Capp; Treasurer, P. D. Hammon.

In 1933 the town elected three trustees and a clerk-treasurer to run the new town government. They were Otis Fisher, Bert Maughler and Claude Tyson for trustees and Roscoe Capp, for Clerk-Treasurer.

In the 1939 election Jacob Waltz, Fred Showalter and V. B. Robinett were elected trustees and Ferd Hampel clerk to serve until 1944.

In 1944 Fred Showalter, Charles Darby and Carl Oberlin were elected trustees with Ralph Stuller as clerk. During this administration the town combined with the townships, Wilmington, Franklin, Stafford and Troy to form the W.F.S.T. fire department.

Charles Darby, Clifford Parker and L. W. Bercaw were elected trustees in 1948 with Ralph Stuller again clerk-treasurer.

This board served until 1952 when Dayton Wann, Dean Eyster and Richard Roan were elected trustees. During their term of office parking meters were installed and the sanitation plant was built. During this administration through a special act of the state legislature and approval of the residents by a referendum, Butler once again became a city in 1956.

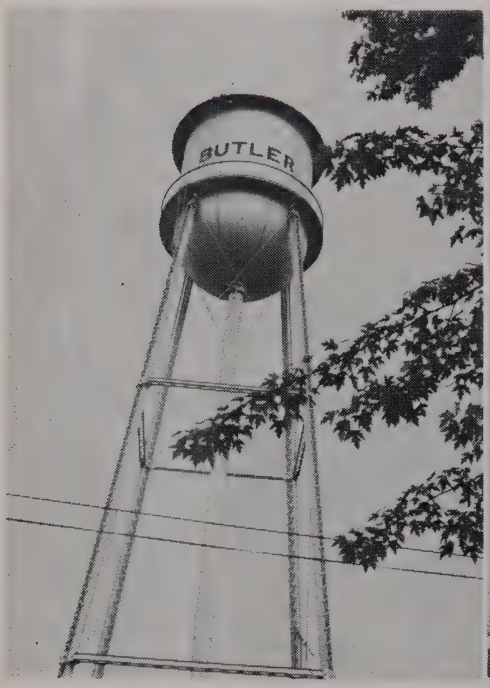
After becoming a city once again, Leighton Tombow was elected mayor with councilmen Willard Barnes, Ralph Stuller, Cecil Johnson, W. T. Marshall and Vean Reinhart with Paul Mutzfeld clerk-treasurer. During this administration the city was zoned and a new well was driven adding to the water capacity of the city. Upon the resignation of W. T. Marshall from the council, Jack Campbell was elected to fulfill his unexpired term of office.

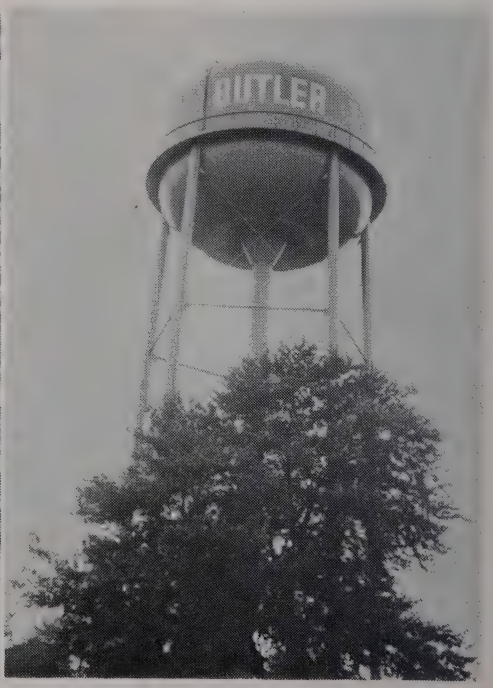
Raymond D. McCann was elected mayor in 1959 with councilmen Harold Hewey, Roy Robbins, Fred Fogle, Robert Jones and Howard Freidenbergar. Charles Capp was elected clerk-treasurer. During this administration the old city hall was torn down and a new city building erected, a new post office dedicated, a new city fire truck purchased and mercury vapor street lights were installed in the business district.

In 1960 Raymond McCann was re-elected along with councilmen Harold Hewey, Fred Fogle and Howard Freidenberger. New members elected to the council were George Kandel and Bruce Blair with Clifford Parker clerk-treasurer. In 1966 Harold Hewey died and Wilbur Johnson was elected to fulfill his unexpired term of office.

During this second term of office a 300,000 gallon water storage tank was erected adding to the water facilities of the city water department. Two new fire fighting units were added to the W.F.S.T., new street lights installed throughout the city and a street paving program initiated.

At the time of this 125th Anniversary celebration these city officials are still serving.





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Record Industrial Growth Sparks New Prosperity

By FRED LAUB

Butler's industrial growth has accelerated during the past fifteen years. No such phonomenal development has taken place during all the preceeding years of Butler's history as has occurred in very recent years.

The community has become known state-wide as a small Indiana city which has attracted industry to its doors like few others have been able to do. Recently this remarkable industrial growth became a subject of a radio broadcast when a Fort Wayne station told the "Butler Story."

Prior to this recent period, the industrial history of Butler varied with the passing years, and several small industries came, remained a few years only to vanish as the years went by. Some disappeared because the product was no longer needed, and some for reasons unknown, moved to other communities.

The first industry in Butler was a stave factory located just north of the New York Central freight station. It was established in 1863, and its product was principally barrel heads and staves made from the abundant supply of hardwood lumber which this region afforded. From that time until now, the development has been largely due to the demands of the public. Those industries which remained for any length of time changed their products to meet the ever changing needs of the public.

Since 1868 the community has seen several buggy factories, the last established in 1918. Another industry started in 1868 was an ashery for the manufacture of lye, a potash. This was located just across the street west of the present athletic field. Several men were employed, and the product was sold to the glass factories of north central Indiana. This industry continued to operate until 1890.

The first buggy factory was started by a man named Plowe in 1868 and was located just east of the cement block formerly occupied by the Marshall Clothing Co. We have no record of how long this business continued. There have been several saw mills in Butler, the first one being located on the grounds

Hendrickson Tandem Corp — Manufactures tandem truck suspensions.

now occupied by the Butler Company. Later Bowman and Son ran a saw mill near the east end of Oak Street. After this Kinney and Son built a mill south of the New York Central tracks and west of West Street. They left Butler in 1901 moving to Ohio where timber was more plentiful.

One industry that is still with us is the Butler Company. This was incorporated in 1894 for the manufacture of windmills, bicycles, and well supplies. In recent years the Butler Company has discontinued all its manufacturing operations and now operates as a wholesale outlet for plumbing and electrical supplies.

The Butler Basket Company was established in 1893, and operated under the management of J. C. Eviston for a number of years. This was followed by the Titan Engineering Company, who were makers of fractional horse power motors.

When the automobile came into prominence, the garage business passed many other lines in importance. We have had many of these garages through the years. Maxton Motors was established in 1927 and is still serving the public in the building formerly occupied by Long and Son. The business has undergone several changes and the building has been enlarged.

In 1928 two young men from Chicago, a Mr. Young and D. W. Marshall located in Butler and organized a clothing factory. In a short time Mr. Young withdrew and left town, but Mr. Marshall remained and operated the business until late in 1965 when he moved to Auburn.

In about 1921 a condensery was located here on the Wabash Railroad grounds, and managed by Ward Haviland. Later it was taken over by the United Milk Products Company and in 1939 this company built a modern plant in the east part of the city, in which milk from our farms is processed and shipped to city markets. Later this company was taken over by Hawthorn Mellody Farms.

Twenty five years ago the list of industries that furnished employment for the residents of Butler and vicinity was as follows:

The Butler Company
Marshall Clothing Manufacturing Co.
The Fur Products Company
The United Milk Products Company
The Higley Printing Company
The Butler Produce and Canning Co.
The Remark Manufacturing Company
Maxton Motors
The Agar Bug Company

Today a few of these remain, but the most have gone. In their place have come new and even larger concerns.

The recent wave of industrial growth began in 1950 when the Universal Tool and Stamping Company moved to our community from Spencerville. They started to operate in a new building of

Mold Service, Inc. — Maintain aluminum die molds.

Crane Edmund Corp., makers of Automotive and Bicycle Component Parts.

Universal Tool and Stamping Co., Inc., makes Automotive Bumper Jacks.

Bohn Aluminum Corp. . . . Products — Aluminum Billets and Perminent Mold Castings.

Federal Fertilizer — produces Agricultural Fertilizer.

Hawthorne Melody Condensery — Milk Processing.

Rods of Indiana, Inc., make Linkage Rods for Auto Transmissions.

about 27,000 square feet of floor space. Universal produces automobile jacks, largely for the new car industry.

Their business has grown very rapidly over the past 15 years, and they have expanded their operation nearly every year, and at present have nearly 63,000 square feet of production space.

Their corporation officers include W. A. Mayer, Pres., Donald Mayer, Sec.-Treas., N. R. Ritenour, VP Manufacturing, Keith Ulm, VP Engineering, and V. B. Billings, VP Sales.

The Federal Fertilizer Company came to Butler in 1950 also, having purchased a small chemical plant here known as Longaker Mills. Federal has grown through building expansion in 1953, 1955, and 1962. They have a very large production of agricultural fertilizer. They also have a number of plants in other mid-western areas. Local personnel include Charles Shephard, Division Plant Manager, Melvin Brohard, Division Sales Manager.

The Hendrickson Tandem came here in 1953. They completed the building and started operations in August of that year. Their principle product is tandem suspensions for heavy duty trucks. They produce a very high percentage of the tandem axle assemblies used by new truck manufacturers. They have expanded their plant several times since 1953, the latest being in 1965. At present the plant covers more than 45,000 square feet of space. Executive personnel include J. W. Parshall, Pres., Marvin Leason, VP, and Mrs. Kathleen Smith, Asst. Treasurer.

The Bohn Aluminum and Brass Company built their original building in 1957 and started production in 1958. Major expansion in 1960 and in 1964 has raised the total floor space to 70,000 square feet. The principle products are aluminum billets and permanent mold castings. Local personnel include Paul Cordes, Plant Manager and Taras Gach, Ass't. Plant Manager.

The Crane Edmund Corporation started building construction in June of 1959 and completed it in October of the same year. Production started at this time and has shown a steady increase up to the present time. The company went through a major expansion in 1963. Their principle products are automotive and bicycle component parts. At present James L. Cordell is serving as executive vice president, and Tom Lorentzen as vice president in charge of production.

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Education First Came To Butler in Log Cabin

By ALICE GRUBE

During the time that Horace Mann was doing his work in remodeling the school systems of Massachusetts, a few interested men by the names of Egnew, Hanes, Cherry, Morris and Tomlinson, realizing the need of a school in each community, constructed a log house on the land of George Egnew, just across the street north of the present Methodist church. This schoolhouse was the first building in what later became Butler and served as a school building until 1855 when the need for a larger one arose. This second building was a frame structure erected on what became the Richard Schimpf property just east of the present Library. Some of the early teachers were John A. Campbell, Hamlin Fay, a Mrs. Wood and a Mrs. Butler. In those days much emphasis was placed upon Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. It was customary to hold Spelling Bees and to give many programs of different kinds, mostly declamatory in nature, for the entertainment of the parents and to display the work of the school.

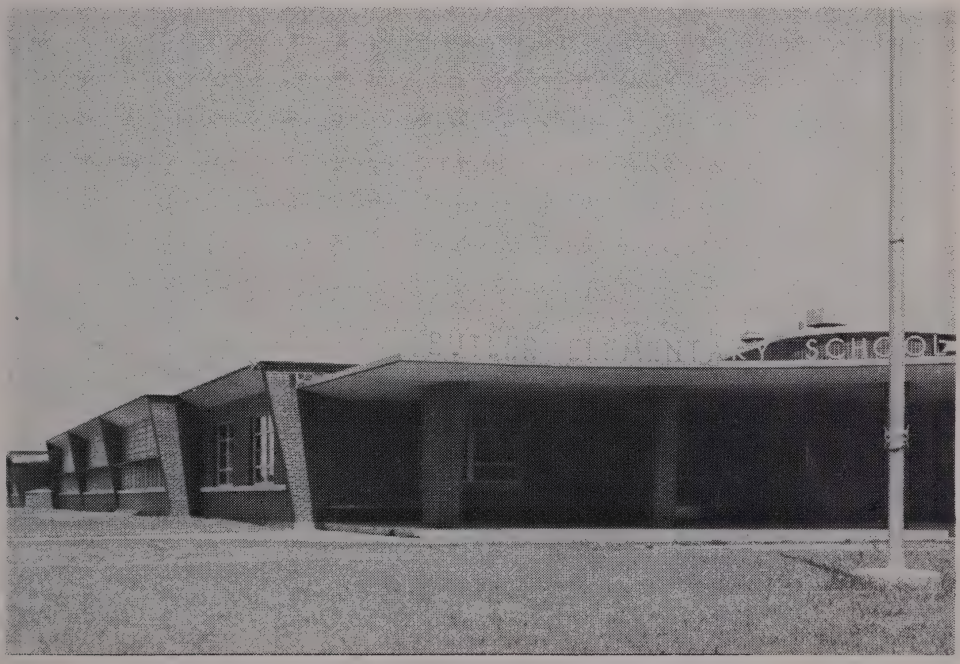
As the years came and went, this frame building became inadequate to meet the needs of the growing community and a larger site was secured and plans made for the erection of a larger and more permanent building. The site chosen was that of the present school. It was in 1867 that work started on a three-story brick building.

Mr. Ghreier Bowersox of Williams County, Ohio, was the first principal in this second building. He served two years and was followed by Mr. W. H. McIntosh, who served until elected county superintendent in 1871. Other principals were men by the names of Luke, Rousch, Fyke, and Saunders.

One of the earliest school reports is that of Supt. Edward M. Teeple. A few extracts from it will prove interesting. They are for the school-year of 1887-1888.

ORGANIZATION

"The schools are arranged in three departments, viz: Primary, Grammar and High School. Each department has



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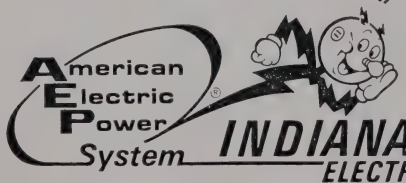

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COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement of the class of '88 was held at Hirschler's opera house, Tuesday, May 22nd, 1888.

With the opening of school in September 1900, a change was made in the organization of the high school. Heretofore, the unit was the year and four years of prescribed work required for graduation. At this time the credit system was introduced which allowed flexibility both as to time and to subject. Thirty-two credits or four years of four studies a year were required for graduation. Strong students could complete the work in a shorter time and weaker students would require a longer time. By credit was meant the satisfactory completion of the work in a particular subject for one-half year. This same scheme of evaluating high school courses is used at the present time. The course of study, as outlined in the first high school annual, The Tropaeum, published in 1900, included four years of mathematics, four years of history, four years of English, four years of Latin, five years of science, two years of German, and two years of Greek. Mr. C. W. Kimmel was superintendent and Mr. Claude

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Standard, all weights	22.00-24.75	21.00-23.00
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Choice, 900-1100 lbs.	24.25-26.50	23.75-25.50
Good, 800-1000 lbs.	22.75-25.25	21.25-24.25
Standard, all weights	20.00-23.25	20.00-21.50
COWS:		
Utility-com'l	17.50-20.25	17.50-19.50
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200-220 lbs.	27.25-27.50	26.50-27.00	25.75-26.25
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200-220 lbs.	26.75-27.00	26.25-26.50	25.50-26.00
220-240 lbs.	25.75-27.00	26.00-26.50	25.25-26.00
240-270 lbs.	24.50-25.75	24.75-26.25	24.75-25.74
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330-550 lbs.	18.50-21.25	19.00-21.00	18.75-21.00

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Belts was the principal. It is interesting to note that the baccalaureate and commencement programs were the same at that time rather than two separate, distinct programs, as at the present time.

The second building on the present school premises was erected in 1905. Some fifteen years previously an annex had been built to the three-story building. This annex was to the north and had two rooms. When the three-story building was torn down, the annex was left and was used by primary grades. The members of the Board of Education were Samuel G. Stone, Edward B. Dunten and Abraham Garber. This building was the first one to be heated with a furnace. The others were heated by stoves. The upper floor was used by the high school and upper grades and the lower floor by the intermediate grades. In 1924 the annex was torn down and a separate building erected for the high school. On the Board of Education at that time were Charles A. Husselman, Ora C. Waterman, and L. H. Higley. This building included the first gymnasium provided by the school. From this time on the high school grew rapidly until in 1929 it had 143 students. In 1930 the

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school was granted a First Class Commission by the State Department of Public Instruction and was admitted into North Central Association of College and Secondary Schools, which is the highest accrediting agency in the north central states. The course of study was broadened to include commercial and vocational courses and special emphasis was placed upon extra-curricular program of the school. The music department was strengthened and interest developed in band and orchestra. The enrollment grew rapidly and in 1935 many eventful things happened.

May 6, 1935, a portion of the elementary building was destroyed by fire and had to be replaced. It was this year that school busses were first used to transport the rural boys and girls to high school and it was this year that textbooks were first furnished free in the elementary school and rented to high school students. The high school band brought recognition to the school by winning first place among the high schools of the state. All of this so increased the interest in Butler High School that it was necessary to build an additional high school building to care for the ever increasing enrollment which now numbered almost 250. This new building was erected in 1936 and comprises a large and modern gymnasium and the very latest in primary room construction. During all this period Jesse O. Oberlin, Harry B. Miller and Lyston C. Harding were members of the board of education. John Paul Price came to Butler as superintendent in 1929 and saw the school grow until it ranked among the best to be found anywhere. A large electric-lighted athletic field was near by and a summertime playground program was maintained and supervised by the school.

In November 1942 additional land was purchased from the Gengnagel estate. Again in 1953 Jake Walz agreed to sell a tract of land—some seven or eight acres—to the school. In like manner the Butler school acquired the land where the present elementary building stands and also the land east to the Maxton park.

During 1942, because of the World War II, a physical fitness program was introduced. Also War Bonds and Stamps Sales were included in the school. More than 200 children participated in the new penny milk plan. An "Out of School Youth Courses" became a new program.

Superintendent Price resigned July 31, 1945. At that time the building which

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Paul Harding from Leo came to Butler as superintendent in 1945. He did a splendid job until 1950 when he resigned. In 1946 kindergarten became a part of the school program. Under Mr. Harding's guidance the classroom teachers organized.

In the spring of 1951 the school board voted to make a tax levy of fifty cents on each $100 worth of property for a period of 12 years for the purpose of providing a cumulative fund towards erecting new buildings and remodeling the old. Second, the board, consisting of T. M. Long, Frank H. Korsmeyer, Ralph N. Mutzfeld, and Carl Bercaw, also agreed to make arrangements with Dr. Harold Church, director of research and field service of Indiana University, to make a survey of the building needs. The result of this survey showed many weaknesses which included inadequate building facilities, limited laboratory and library equipment, large classes, etc.

At this time the town of Butler and Wilmington Township voted to form a Metropolitan District, making the 1951 enrollment a total of 661 students. Stafford and Troy townships chose not to join at this time, but later they were closed by state law. This metropolitan school became a six-six plan. The first six grades are considered the elementary school, and the junior and senior high school comprise the upper six grades.

In 1950 when Mr. Harding resigned, the Board appointed Cletis Jenkins, the high school principal, to the post of superintendent. Mr. Jenkins resigned on November 27, 1951 because of ill health. Bruce Brubaker, the high school principal, served as superintendent until February 1, 1952, when Ernest M. Zeller from Mill Creek School became superintendent.

Leonard E. Lowe followed Mr. Brubaker as principal and Kent Myers succeeded Mr. Lowe when he resigned in 1962. Mr. Myers continues to serve in that capacity along with Kenneth Cole who succeeded Mr. Zeller as superintendent in April of 1966.

During the more than fourteen years that Mr. Zeller served many changes came about to improve the school system. The surrounding townships had all joined Butler except Franklin.

In 1954 the Butler Elementary building, consisting of a large kindergarten, superintendent's office, principal's of-

fice, nurse's room, and six self-contained classrooms were erected. In 1960 six more classrooms and cafetorium were added. The library and visual aid room and a full time Librarian were added in 1962. The third addition of six classrooms which now totaled 18 rooms, provided space for the entire first six grades of three sections each. This school plant was spacious, modern and very attractive. In 1961 the elementary school had its first full time principal, Mr. Robert Pleunik. A full time nurse was also employed beginning in 1961. In 1963 Butler shared the services of a qualified psychologist, Dr. Berniece Horrell.

For several years, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1965-66, under the leadership of Superintendent Zeller, Ball State University of Muncie, Indiana, sent professors to Butler to conduct workshops with the staff for the purpose of upgrading the quality of teaching. The state law demanding a master's degree for teachers who desire to become tenured, was also a step in this direction — to provide better qualified teachers. The emphasis is upon better education as we enter the Space Age. Dr. Conant of Harvard caused the schools of the country to take a careful look at their programs. Russia's Sputnik caused a great pick-up in science.

In our little city, we had already taken a hard look and started toward definite plans to improve. In 1959 Dr. J. W. Hollis of Ball State and two assistants came to Butler for an "In-Service Education Workshop" in the field of Guidance. The entire staff participated.

In 1960, Dr. Royalty, assisted by three member professors, led the staff in a Language Arts Workshop.

In 1962, Butler joined in the Northeastern Indiana School Study Council which included Auburn, Kendallville, Garrett, LaGrange, Angola, and Ligonier for the purpose of studying the reading program, as it existed then, and recommended a deeper challenge through improved methods of teaching reading. A very fine book published the findings of all teachers participating in the area and many copies were sent to each of the six schools involved.

After the completion of the Butler elementary building in 1963, the high school building was taken over entirely by the upper six grades. Even so, the consolidation with St. Joe-Spencerville schools, the old plant was crowded to capacity. A new plant is due in the very near future. The schools are now

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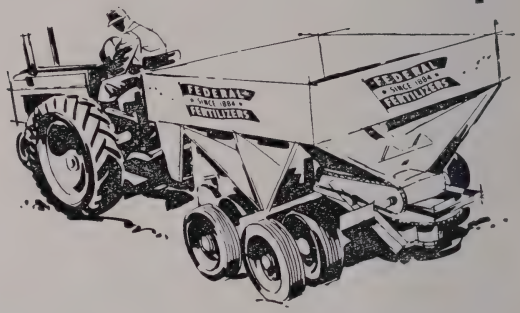

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The high school has grown not only in numbers of pupils, but in all areas of curriculum. There are six courses of study offered: College Preparatory, Commercial, Fine Arts, Industrial Arts, Vocational Agriculture, and Home Economics. Each course of study is based on a four year course with certain requireds, and certain electives. Many extra curricular activities are offered. French and Spanish are taught instead of Latin. Four-year courses are offered in the areas of English, math, and science. Social sciences include World History, U. S. History, and Government of U.S., the last two are required.

There are several tests used in the high school to help the young people to reach their highest potential.

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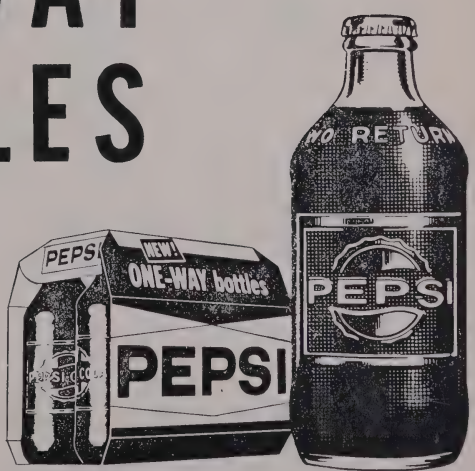

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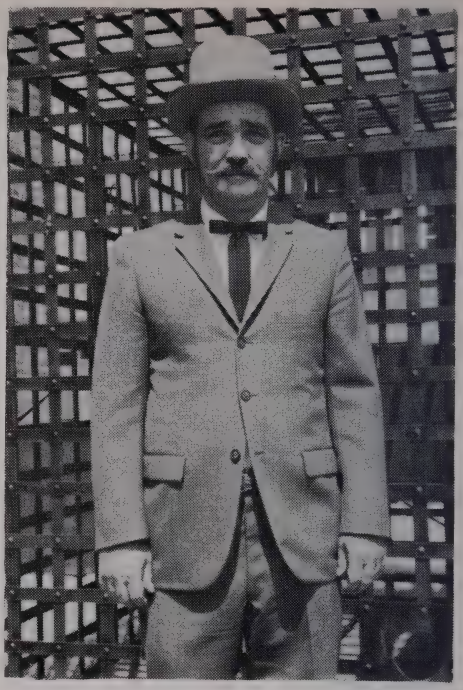

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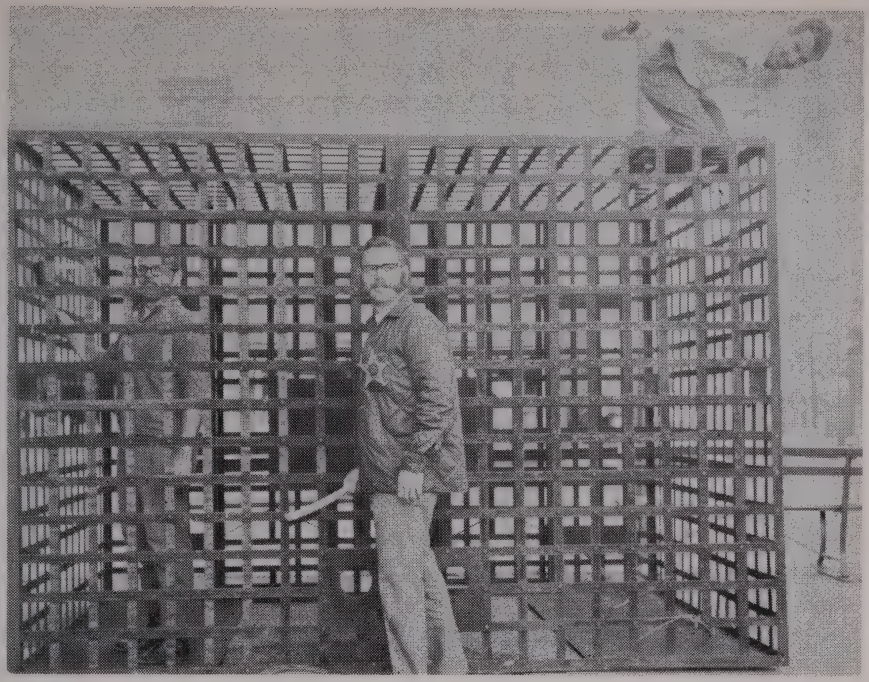

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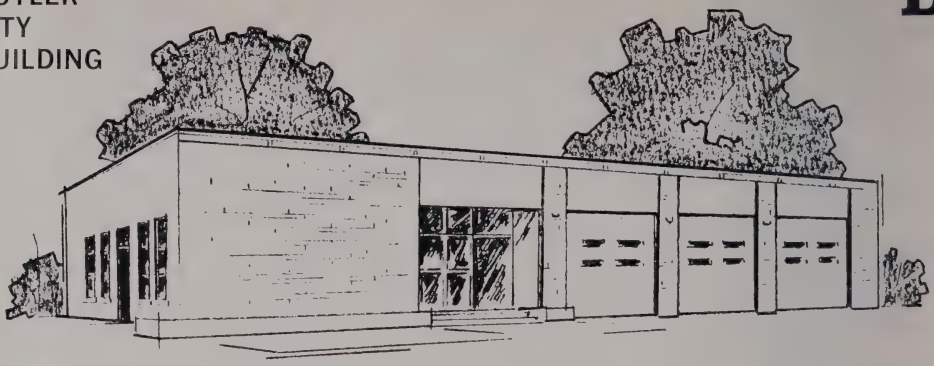

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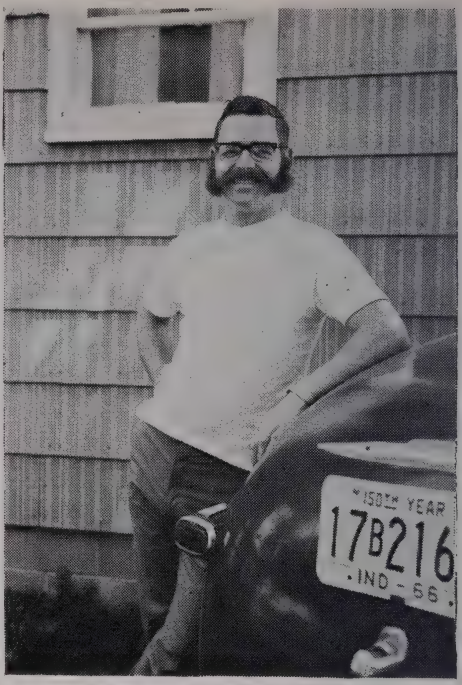

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For it was on Friday, June 16, 1866 that Butler's first newspaper, The Butler Herald, was born.

Of its 100 years of existance in Butler, the newspaper business has been in the Powers family 57 years. The present owner, R. B. Powers has been affiliated with the business over 42 years. He is assisted by his son John Powers, who no doubt will carry on and hand it down to his son, Roger Powers.

Mr. William T. Kimsey, an experienced newspaper man of Waterloo, Ind., came to Butler after the close of the Civil War in which conflict he had participated with the Union forces, and established the first newspaper. It was called "The Butler Herald", and its first publication was on Friday, June 16, 1866. The venture proved to be a financial failure for Mr. Kimsey, and publication was suspended after about a year of operation.

Two years later, in 1868, Mr. Emery Higley, grandfather of R. D. Higley, president of the Higley Printing Co. of Butler, began the publishing of "The Banner of Liberty." This newspaper venture also proved to be a financial failure in a short time, and the plant was moved to Auburn, the county seat, where Mr. Higley started another paper, this one being called "The Auburn Times." It was of short duration.

In 1874 Mr. R. H. Weamer began publishing "The Butler News". Like his predecessors, Mr. Weamer could not make a go of the newspaper business in Butler. He too moved his plant to Auburn where he published "The DeKalb County Republican" for a short time.

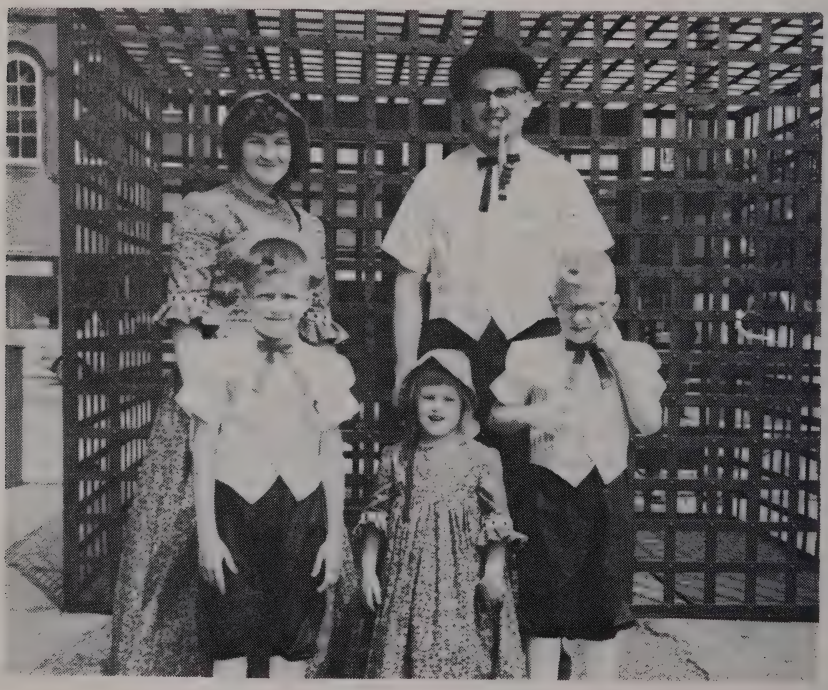
On February 2, 1876, Mr. R. D. Sherwood published the first issue of "The Butler Review," later to be known as "The DeKalb County Herald." The paper's existence was less than a year in its first venture.

The next newspaper venture in Butler was made by Mr. D. D. Luke who published the first copy of "The Butler Record" on February 15, 1877. A short time later he sold the paper to Mr. W. M. Kist. Mr. Kist, who was a republican, operated the paper until 1880 when failing health forced him to retire, leasing the plant to R. H. Weamer, who three years earlier had attempted "The Butler News." Mr. Weamer published "The Record" for one year, when his lease expired. In the meantime Mr. Kist had died and the estate sold the paper to Mr. W. F. Garrison, who operated "The Record" for a number of years. The paper then passed through several hands, becoming the property of M. Maxwell, who sold to M. E. Smith, and later in 1894, to Mr. L. H. Higley who continued its publication for 35 years.

When the Kist estate sold "The Record" to Mr. Garrison, Mr. Weamer was publishing the paper, having had it leased. He became quite indignant over the transaction and purchased the equipment of the defunct "Butler Review" and reestablished the paper, making it a democrat organ, in direct competition to "The Record." As Mr. Weamer was a republican, he obtained the services of Mr. John Baxter, a prominent local democrat, to write the editorials. "The Review" continued to operate in this fashion until October 1, 1884 when it was sold to Mr. Edmund Calkins. Calkins published the paper for several months and sold to George Lautzenheiser. Three months later Lautzenheiser sold "The Review" to Mr. John J. Higgins, who published the paper for several years. Mr. O. H. Downey then became owner of the paper. In a short time he sold it to Mr. M. E. Gardner. Gardner could not make the paper pay out and Downey again became its publisher. This time Downey made several changes in the paper and changed its name from "The Review" to "The DeKalb County Herald." Several years later Downey sold the paper to Mr. W. H. Kenan, who in 1909 sold to Mr. A. S. Powers, a former employe of Higley, who operated the paper for 32 years. On January 1, 1929, Mr. Powers purchased "The Record" of Mr. Higley and consolidated the papers, calling it "The Record-Herald."

In 1942 Mr. A. S. Powers retired, selling his business to his son and son-in-law, Messrs. R. B. Powers and F. L. Oiler. This partnership operated the newspaper until November of 1963, when Powers purchased Mr. Oiler's interest.

Post Office building in service here since January 1, 1961.



The Don Burdick family adds color to the Jubilee scene.

"Oak Hill" Postal Station First Served Butler Residents

By WALTER M. SMITH

As early as the year 1844, the settlers in the vicinity of the present site of Butler enjoyed postal facilities which were located at a point two miles south of the present city limits. This station was known as Oak Hill and the first Post Office was conducted by Thomas Fosdick. In 1855, about the time the first General Store, which had been established in a log cabin in the village (then known as Norristown) was replaced by a frame structure, the Post Office was moved to town and presumably located in the General Store as was the custom in those days. Mr. E. W. Fosdick was the second Postmaster and he was followed by George Noble, who was no doubt co-owner of the firm of Noble and Madden who built the second frame structure in the village and established another General Store. Other early Postmasters were A. H. Howard, Solomon Rose, and J. J. Hoopingardner. During their tenures the name of the village was changed to Jarvis and about the time of the Civil War to Butler.

During these early days the north and south road (now State Road 1) was corduroy and the east and west road (now U.S. 6) was of dirt and mud. The mail carried on horseback. In 1876 Mr. U. P. Carpenter was appointed postmaster. His daughter, then Miss Ida Carpenter, assisted her father and later became Postmistress for a time. It was about this time that the Post Office was first located in a building by itself — on South Broadway, now occupied by the Broadway Laundromat. Here, Sam Stoy, a Civil War veteran served as postmaster in 1886 and was followed by another veteran, Adolph Jones who was appointed in 1890 and who served for six years. During this time three routes served patrons out of Butler in areas of Newville, Hamilton, York Center and Metz. The rural carriers used closed, horse drawn vehicles which in cold weather were heated by small stoves.

At the turn of the century, Butler was served by three railroads and the Butler Post Office was a transfer point for mail. Mr. John Oberlin was Postmaster at this time and he was followed by Thomas Rudd, J. B. Pessel, Ellsworth Eakright and Romain Campbell.

In 1918 City Delivery was initiated in Butler with Luther Bryan and Charles L. Oberlin as the first carriers.

In 1928 Mr. T. M. Long became Postmaster and the following year the Office was moved across the street to the Mutzfeld building. In the early 1930's there were as many as nine dispatches and receipts of mail at the local office and five rural routes were required to deliver the mail to the farmers.

In 1936 Mr. Clyde B. Oberlin succeeded Mr. Long, serving as Postmaster until his retirement in 1950. The present Postmaster, Walter M. Smith, received his regular appointment in 1951.

The Butler Post Office was elevated to first class in 1953 due to increased revenue from the several factories in Butler. Prior to this time the rural routes had been decreased to three as both the roads and automobiles improved and upon retirement of rural carrier Wm. Barber in 1955, these three routes were consolidated into two routes.

On January 1, 1961, the Post Office moved into a new building, designed and built to Post Office Department specifications and leased to the Government on a long term lease. A dedication program on January 15, 1961, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, assisted by Business and Professional Womens Club, will long be remembered as an outstanding civic event.

A loss in revenue, due mainly to the moving of the Higley-Huffman Press from Butler, caused the office to revert to Second Class on July 1st, 1965.

With the inauguration of Air Mail in the 1930's, a new era of mail handling began. As the railroads discontinued more and more passenger trains, the Post Office Department instituted a system of Highway Post Offices and today a vast network of trucks carries the mail from outlying areas into a sectional center and it is efficiently dispatched from there by rail, truck or by air.

Four Subdivisions in Decade Spur Butler Growth

By OTIS FISHER

Within twenty-five years after Indiana was admitted to the Union, the early settlers had moved up the highways of the times, namely the rivers, such as the Ohio, Wabash and Maumee and their tributaries and were settling in this area.

As early as the year 1844, the Pioneers living in the present site of Butler had their post office at a point two miles South at Oak Hill.

In 1856 the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad now known as the New York Central was constructed from Toledo through Butler and in 1873 the Eel River Road later known as the Wabash arrived. This community was at that time about 1300 population. Also coming in from the southwest was the Vandalia Railroad which later became a part of the Pennsylvania Railroad system. With the arrival of these railroads into this area the town grew rapidly and was incorporated as a town in the year 1866.

Prior to that however, to serve the needs of the community various real estate developments were undertaken. Danforths Addition in 1855, as well as Egnew's Addition, Norris Addition, and Tomlinson's Addition were all laid out. The Original Plat came into being in 1856 and with these developments and with the Wabash using Butler as a rail terminal the population increased to approximately 2800. Butler was also the terminus for the Vandalia Railroad.

Following this expansion additional subdivisions were laid out, and improved, being Packer's Addition 1860, John's Addition 1881, Lingenfelter's Addition 1887, Mason's Addition 1887, Sawyer's Addition 1889, Hubble's Addition 1889.

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When the Wabash Railroad moved their division shops out of Butler in 1893 it was a great loss to the community and the activities in real estate diminished and there was no further development until Bellvue Addition in 1905 and Highland Addition in 1910.

After the second world war with the increased population and the coming of new industry to Butler, there was a need for further housing facilities. The Wanamaker Addition in 1951, Smith's Addition in 1953 were added to the town, which is now a city of the fifth class. Parkview Addition in 1958 and Mayerknoll Addition in 1963 were also added. The additions that have been platted since the early 1950's have been developed rapidly to take care of the increased housing need of the community because of the growing industries, which we enjoy at the present time.

The following is a list of the subdivisions that have been platted in this community and the date on which the plat was recorded in the County Seat:

Butler Real Estate	Platted
Danforth's Addition	4-16-1855
Egnew's Addition	4-16-1855
Norris Addition	5- 9-1855
Tomlinson's Addition	5-11-1855
Original Plat	7-31-1856
Packer's Addition	12-28-1860
John's Addition	12-15-1881
Lingenfelter's Addition	5- 4-1887
Mason's Addition	5- 5-1887
Sawyer's Addition	5-21-1889
Hubble's Addition	6- 5-1889
Belvue Addition	10-23-1905
Highland Addition	7- 5-1910
Wanamaker Addition	8- 6-1951
Smith's Addition	11-16-1953
Parkview Addition	12- 4-1958
Mayerknoll Addition	8-20-1963

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Fraternal Orders in City Pre-Date Even Civil War

By RALPH SHULTZ

The first fraterual society in Butler was organized May 25, 1858, and was known as Forest Lodge No. 239 F. and A. M. The charter was signed by 15 members. H. S. Madden was the first worshipful master. For 108 years it has been an active and popular fraternity in the community. At present there is a membership of approximately 180 members with Harold R. Casebere as worshipful master.

On April 15, 1880, Forest Chapter O. E. S. No. 44 the first women's lodge in Butler, was chartered with 13 members. The present membership is 216 and Mrs. Allen Teutsch is worthy matron.

October 22, 1891, Butler Chapter No. 106, Royal Arch Masons, was chartered and Butler Council No. 83, Royal and Select Masons, was chartered on October 20, 1909, both latter organizations still being active.

Butler Lodge No. 282, I. O. O. F., was granted a charter on May 22, 1867. There were seven charter members. One of the newest business buildings in Butler was built by this fraternity in 1913 on the corner of Broadway and Main street and is still occupied in part by the lodge. Butler Encampment of the I. O. O. F. was instituted March 17, 1884, and the Rebecca Lodge, ladies' auxiliary to the I. O. O. F., has been in active existance for many years.

Mead Post G. A. R. was mustered in on January 24, 1882, with 13 members. C. J. Stoy was the first Commander. Five years later, November 15, 1887, Mead W. R. C. No. 91 was organized by Commander A. H. Weamer with 26 charter members. For many years these two organizations had full charge of Decoration and Memorial Day services. It was through their efforts that it was possible to erect the beautiful veterans' monument at the Butler cemetery. The charters of each order were surrendered when taps were sounded for the last G. A. R. comrade.

A Spanish American War post was active in Butler for several years but due to the small membership the later trans-

Fraternal Order of The Eagles

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ferred their memberships to the Auburn, Indiana post. Emory Dunn, a well known resident of Butler for many years, was perhaps the last Spanish-American War veteran in this locality.

December 11, 1886, the Knights of Pythias established a lodge in Butler. At one time they had the largest membership of any lodge in the city. The noted K. of P. band led by Dale Higley and the Samson drill team drilled by Dr. Frank Fanning were known far and wide for their excellent appearance and performances. In 1931, they were accorded the privilege of performing before the supreme lodge officers at Cincinnati, Ohio. For many years the Uniform Rank of the K. of P.'s was an active and colorful organization.

On March 25, 1896, a lodge named Rathbone Sisters was organized with 23 members. Rilla Duncan acted as Grand Chief. Later the name was changed to Pythian Sisters. This organization has been an active ladies' auxiliary to the K. O. of P.'s to the present date.

About 1896 Butler Tent No. 17, Knights of the Macabbees, was established with 12 charter members. Sam G. Stone acted as Past Senior Grand Commander. From this small beginning, the order rapidly grew to 240 members, but since this was an insurance organization, as rates increased membership diminished until by August 1922 only 18 members were left. The organization has long since gone out of existence in this area. The history of Harmony Hive Ladies of the Macabbees is similar to that of the Sir Knights. The name was later changed to Women's Benefit Association and finally the membership was transferred to Auburn. In 1888, The Sons of Veterans organized with 25 members but disbanded a year or so later.

The Woodmen and Royal Neighbors of America, insurance organizations, were active in Butler for many years but they, too, have now become extinct as an organization in Butler.

Several railroad trainmen's organizations which had been active disbanded in 1893 when the Wabash railroad shops were moved from Butler. Other labor organizations have come into existence in more recent years in this area as the industrial development of Butler and elsewhere continued.

The Yeoman Lodge, Patrons of Industry, Moose Lodge, and Grange all organized, were active for a time then ceased to function.

At various times the Young Men's

Business Association, Booster Club and Chamber of Commerce were active in civic affairs of the city. The Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of such men as Homer A. Dickerhoof, Lavern Smith, Dr. D. O. Miller, J. Fred Laub, C. J. Maxton and Otis S. Fisher was primarily responsible for sparking a movement that led to a wave of industrial development in Butler which was the envy of cities all over this area.

In the early thirties a Phi Delta Kappa fraternity for young men was organized with Harry G. Trumbull as sponsor. With the disruptions of World War II this organization passed out of existence.

THE PHILOMATHEAN CLUB

Over the years numerous cultural and study clubs were organized, some of which passed out of existence after a period of success. One of the oldest clubs which is still in existence and active is the Philomathean club. This club was originally organized in 1887, as a cultural study club. Later the club was reorganized and called the Bay View club. In the fall of 1901 the club was again renamed and was called the Philomathean club under which name it has continued to function. Mrs. Henry Tess, Mrs. L. C. Harding, Mrs. George Powers, Mrs. Ora Knisely and Mrs. Bertha Dailey Creager were among the members of the early Philomathean club. Present membership of the club is approximately 15. Officers for 1966-67 are Mrs. E. V. Blume, president; Gladys Stout, secretary, and Mrs. M. J. Armstrong is treasurer.

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The local American Legion post will celebrate its 31st birthday this year. A temporary charter was issued Oct. 8, 1935, to the Charles Foster Blaker American Legion Post 202, Butler, Indiana. The post received its permanent charter Feb. 7, 1936. In 1935, there were 15 charter members and of those original members, eight are still active.

Early meetings of the post were held in the old Butler city hall and briefly in the Hotel Butler basement.

Following World War II, a group of prominent citizens formed "The Veterans War Memorial Association" for the purpose of showing their gratitude for the services of the returning veterans. The Veterans War Memorial Association offered the local post the choice of a monument, a band shell or a post

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home. The Legionnaires chose the post home and the community donated to the post the present Legion home. Post 202 holds the distinction of being one of the very few posts in the nation to be housed in a former funeral home.

Post 202 was incorporated during the term of Commander Robert D. Higley, Jr., on July 3, 1947.

Membership hit an all time high of 262 members in 1953 when many returning Korean War veterans joined the post. Present membership is slightly over 200.

The most recent high point has been the organization of the uniformed Color Guard. This unit has added much color and dignity to the military funerals of departed comrades and to other memorial services. The color guard has also assisted other communities in the dedication of new public buildings and has represented Butler in many parades in the tri-state area.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Butler City Aerie No. 2733 was instituted by the Fort Wayne Aerie on November 14, 1947.

The first meeting was held in the Butler City Hall.

The first officers of the organization were past president, Andrew Konger; president, L. W. Bercaw; vice president, Wilbur Johnson; chaplain, Robert France; secretary, Richard Roan; treasurer, Robert Yockey; conductor, Leon Houlton; inner guard, W. Livelsberger; outer guard, Carl McKee; trustee, Dean Eyster, Raymond Lambert and Dr. L. L. Wolfe.

The Eagles soon purchased the old store building at the corner of South Broadway and Willow streets. This building was remodeled making a social room upstairs and a meeting room down stairs.

In 1949 the Ladies Auxiliary was added to the organization.

In July 1960, the Butler Eagles moved into a new modern building that was erected just back of the old store building. The old building was torn down and a parking lot installed at that site.

Locally the Eagles have had a yearly project of helping purchase supplies for Wee Haven school at Garrett, a school for retarded children.

THE BUTLER ROTARY CLUB

The Butler Rotary club was chartered on February 24, 1938, under the spon-

Home of American Legion Post 202.

sorship of the Angola Rotary club. First officers were C. J. Maxton, president; John Paul Price, vice-president; R. B. Powers, secretary; and Otis S. Fisher, secretary. Former Senator Raymond Wills of Angola, a special representative of Rotary International, presented the charter in behalf of the Angola club.

Over the years the Rotary club members have been directly connected with all phases of the growth and development of the city of Butler. The club has for years sponsored the Boy Scout and Explorer Scout troops and has been active in promoting other projects for the betterment of the community. Perhaps the most outstanding project managed by the club was the sponsorship of Sabin Oral Vaccination program for the people of the community whereby some 2,500 children and adults were immunized for polio thereby assisting in the almost complete eradication of this disease from this area.

Present officers of the club are Donald Dame, president; L. G. Wellendorf, immediate past president; Robert Jones, vice-president and Leland J. Diehl, treasurer. Membership is between 25 and 30.

LIONS CLUB

The Butler Lions Club was organized in May 1952 with 15 charter members. Two of the charter members, V. M. Reinhart and Dwight Sebert, are still active in the club. The first officers were Ray Bates, president; James Hoffer, secretary; V. M. Reinhart, treasurer.

The club has served the community by building the shelter house in Maxton Community Park in 1958; purchasing and operating a fogging machine for mosquito control during 1959-60-61; building back stop fence and dugouts at the Dr. Hathaway Memorial Little League Park in 1963 and 1964. A generous contribution was given for the construction of DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Glasses, food and clothing have been given to the needy in the community. Present officers are Wendell Phillips, president; Rev. Keith Burch, vice-president; Paul Mutzfeld, secretary-treasurer.

THE BUTLER
JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Butler Junior Chamber of Commerce, Inc., was chartered in June of 1964. Since this organization has come into existence it has become one of the most active organizations in the city of

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Headquarters of Butler's Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Butler Firefighters Rate With Indiana's Finest

By BRUCE BLAIR

Butler had a fire control plan as early as 1870. In this year an ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees, putting a fire control department under the government of a chief Fire Warden and five assistants appointed by the trustees each year and they were in command of all hook and ladder companies. Each property owner was required to keep a pail of water and a ladder capable of reaching the roof of each residence or establishment that he owned, and it was required that all able bodied males respond and help at each fire, punishable by a $10.00 fine if any of the ordinance was violated.

Fire zones were established in 1885 prohibiting any wooden building from being constructed or moved into these zones, and they gave the Town Marshal authority to demolish same, if the ordinance was violated.

In 1890 the water works was started, and at the completion of this project in 1893, the Butler Hose Company was formed with C. B. Mason as chief. There were twenty members and their equipment consisted of 750 feet of 2½" hose, two nozzles, one hydrant wrench and a hand or horse drawn hose reel and twelve rubber coats and hats.

In those days every male had to work two to ten days a year on the town streets, and as the first record of compensation to firemen, they were given exemption from this work.

The credit for organizing the Butler Volunteer Fire Department apparently goes to William Mutzfeld. In the days of the Butler Hose Company, the Trustees were automatically members of the company and soon after "Bill" took office he had to help pull the cart to the west end of town and return. They were short of men that day, and after they returned to the barn very tired, they rested a

Four modern units help Butler firemen protect homes and businesses.

while and then Mr. Mutzfeld remarked to the other men "boys, I have had enough of this. We are going to organize fire department with men who can respond to fires". Therefore, June 8, 1896, the Butler Volunteer Fire Department was organized with by-laws very similar to the ones now in force.

Not much is known of the early department, as the records before 1907 are mostly destroyed. From a few stories picked up from some of the old members, we know that they had their troubles and also amusing incidents. They tell of a fire in the old "Emporiam", where one of the firemen had to chase Mike Long from the fire with a hydrant wrench. It seems that Mike had new buggies in the building and he got so excited, he forgot about the burning. All he thought of was water getting on the nice newly painted buggies and he kept shutting off the hydrant. At a fire in the Jeff Boyle building, their only hydrant wrench was misplaced and the firemen about hada hemorrhage while they hunted the wrench.

The hose cart was usually pulled by horses from one of the drays that operated for many years in Butler. The Butler Company had a team that enjoyed this so much that several times when they were unattended and the whistle blew, they went to the station by themselves.

The department was well known for its water battle teams and they took in all the area fairs. A ball was not used then as it is now. The opposing teams squirted water directly on each other and the team that kept on their feet or forced the other team back to a given line was the winner. The teams usually received $5.00 or $10.00 for participating.

They also had their troubles. At one time, several fire hydrants would not work and it was several months before they could get the town fathers to have them repaired. At another time, they had to get the State Health Officer before the trustees would do anything to clear out the filth and rats from the town hall.

Butler obtained its first piece of motorized equipment in 1919. This was a combination hose and chemical truck on a Model T chassis. They started answering rural alarms in 1924, and in 1929 they got a four tank chemical truck for rural fires. Mort Brown was Fire Chief at this time. Earl Greenwalt served as chief 1926 to 1927, at which time Seth Aldrich was elected.

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Earl Eakright became chief in 1937. Through his efforts, a new truck was obtained in 1939, and after the pump was added in 1940, the members all became enthused and determined to make the department better in every way. They all worked hard until they had approximately $150.00 in their treasury. Cliff Janke and Charles Darby made a motion to buy a bix six wheel for use at the Butler centennial and surrounding fairs. This would take all their money, but after much heated discussion, the wheel was purchased. The results were far greater than expected and put the fire department on its feet. With proceeds from this and from the annual ball, which was started about 1950, they have purchased much needed equipment and also donated generously to worthwhile organizations and charity.

The first real training in fire fighting was started at this time. Men from the department were sent to the State Fire School and then acted as instructors for the department. This training has been continued to the present time. Each year men attend the State and area fire schools and demonstrations and there is a training and practice session each meeting night.

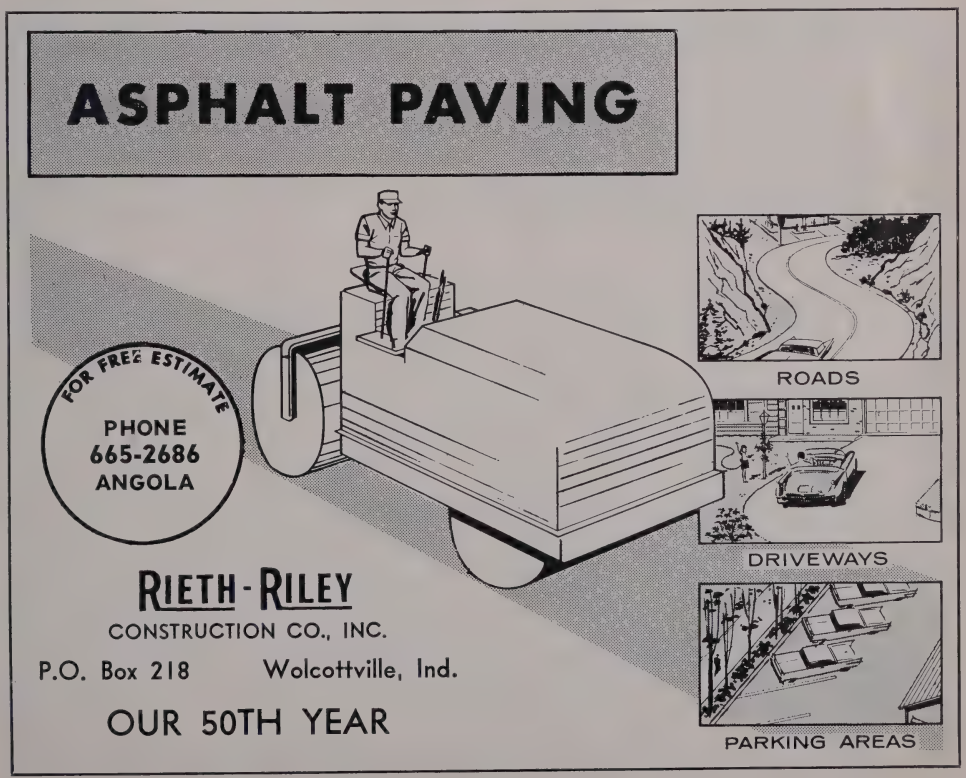
In 1942, a new rural pumper was obtained, which was a big improvement over the chemical truck. The rural equipment is owned jointly with the City of Butler and Wilmington, Franklin, Stafford and Troy Townships and expenses are shared thus giving protection to the townships.

In 1945, a clause was added to the by-laws that a fireman could retire after twenty years service and must retire at age 55. To a retiring member, the rule was not so good but it keeps the department young and active. Those that have retired after twenty or more years service are Charles Darby, Oliver Bungard, Earl Eakright, Clifford Janke, Cecil Johnston, Howard Freidenberger, Roy Eck, Bruce Blair and Milton Hamman.

In 1958, a 1200 gal. tanker was built up by the department and radio equipment was installed in the rural trucks in 1959.

Howard Freidenberger was elected chief in 1952, followed by Bruce Blair in 1958, and after his retirement in 1961, the present chief, Glen Knox, took over.

The firemen have maintained membership in the Indiana Volunteer Fire-



men's Association for over 25 years and they are members of the DeKalb County Firemen's Association, and have received much training and exchanged many ideas through these organizations.

The women's auxiliary was organized in 1959. They have been very active and of much help to the firemen. Pauline Blair, Marian Knox, Susie Friedenberger and Carol Lung have served as presidents of this organization.

In 1963, the department moved into spacious quarters in the beautiful new City Building. Through the efforts of Chief Knox and assistant chief Bert Gearhart and all the men of the department has continued to improve to the place that it is a highly respective organization and recognized as one of the best volunteer fire departments in the State. They have received a new city pumper and a new rural truck is under construction, giving them two modern pumpers, a tanker, a grass fire rig, foam generator, a completely equipped rescue unit and all radio equipped.

The present membership consists of Glen Knox, Chief; Bert Gearhart, Assistant Chief; Don Webb, Secretary; Richard Freidenberger, Treasurer; Homer Dickerhoof, Robert Ginder, Dallas Griffin, John Powers, James Lung, Gary VanZile, Alfred Suntken, Larry Moore, James Lane, Eugene White, Jim Eck and Lee Jacobs.

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First Church 2 Years Old When Butler Was Born

By RALPH SHULTZ

The first settlers of DeKalb County were quite destitute of religious privileges but they realized their dependence on Divine Guidance and eagerly welcomed the opportunity to meet in worship.

Benjamin Alton of the Disciples Church preached the first sermon in the county in the fall of 1836. The Rev. Coleman and Warner were the first circuit preachers, they were of the Methodist Church and came in 1838..

The church now known as the Methodist Episcopal Church of Butler was organized as the Methodist Episcopal Society in 1839 at "the corners" before any town was started. Four years later the society commenced holding its meetings one mile north of the present site of Butler, at the home of John McCurdy (now the Wanamaker farm). After eighteen months another removal was made to the School house (first log school house) at "the corners". The frame church on the corner of Pearl and Washington Streets was built in 1855-56 at a cost of $1,000. The first pastor was Rev. Jesse Sparks. The present brick church was built in 1889. The old parsonage was constructed during the pastorate of Rev. French who served 1898-1903. Rev. Thomas Murphy is the present pastor.

The Big Run U.B. Church was organized in the spring of 1843 by Rev. Jonathen Thomas. They organized in the home of Jacob Gunsenhouser and worship there for about five years, afterwards using the old log school house on Mr. Gunsenhouser's farm. The present church building was started in 1861 and completed during the war. Services were held alternate Sundays by Rev. James Martin. Rev. Paul DeHoff is now the pastor.

The Lutheran Church known as Wittenberg on Section 28 of Troy Township near Artic was organized by Rev. James Cather in 1843 in the home of John A. Zimmerman. It flourished for many years, but by death and removal it has become a small congregation.

The Mt. Pleasant U.B. Church was organized in the Abraham Eakright home Section 20 of Wilmington Township by Rev. Benton and wife, both ministers, where services were held for six years, later moving to an old log school house. The Mt. Pleasant chapel was erected in 1870 and later remodeled. Rev. Lloyd Overmeyer is the present pastor.

The St. Marks Evangelical Church in Butler was organized in 1864 by Rev. J. W. Henderson. The cornerstone for the first church building was laid September 8, 1866 at the site of the present

Community Gospel Center.

St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran.

Church of Christ.

Church of the Nazarene.

building, the Rev. R. F. Delo of Elkhart presiding. The present Church building was erected in 1901. Rev. Thomas Adams is now the pastor.

The Church of Christ was organized by John Ailsworth in the Lutheran Church March 1, 1870. Rev. James Harris was the first pastor. Under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Sutton, the lot on which the church now stands was purchased, the church being erected and dedicated on Feb. 7, 1875. Rev. Larry Beard is the present pastor.

Jerusalem Church was organized at Jerusalem school house Section 24 of Franklin Township in March 1882 by Rev. Alonzo Gaff. Rev. DeHoff is the present pastor.

The United Brethern Church of Butler was organized in January 1884. The frame church building was erected in the fall of 1883. Rev. Joseph served as the first pastor. In 1917 the church was rebuilt and is a modern brick edifice. Rev. Keith Burch is the present pastor.

The Church of God was first organized three miles west of Butler. Later the congregation moved their place of meeting to the church now occupied by the Community Gospel Center. This later group is now served by Rev. Chester Doden as pastor. This church building was erected in 1886.

In the nineteen thirties a mission church was established in a store building opposite the Butler Company. Rev. James Payton was the leader. Later this group affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene and under the leadership of R. D. Higley, purchased the old Wittenberg church building in Troy Township and moved it into Butler and used it

Evangelical United Brethern.

The Methodist Church.

as a meeting place for several years. Later the congregation purchased land and erected a new church edifice in the northeast part of the city, and are now one of the leading congregations in this area. Rev. Graham is the present pastor.

After the Nazarene group moved to their new building, members of the Episcopal faith used the old Wittenberg church building for a few years as their place of worship.

The Free Bible Tabernacle was organized in recent years, and is at the present time under the leadership of the Rev. H. V. Lawson.

Free Bible Tabernacle.

Industrial Growth

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and also built a new truck dock. The building includes 20,000 square feet of floor space, and fits their operation very well. Here in the Butler plant, they assemble hydraulic pumps and motors, testing and shipping. L. G. Wellendorf is the local plant manager.

Mold Service, Inc. started in business in 1961 in the building formerly occupied by the Maxton Body Shop. They employ a small group of men skilled in the tool and die business. Duane Getzfrid is president of the company and Delbert Martin is shop manager.

The latest industry to move to Butler is known as Rods of Indiana, Inc. They took over the building formerly occupied by the Butler Farm Implement Company. They produce linkage rods for automobile transmissions. They sell their product to Buick, Olds and Pontiac. H. A. Dickerhoof is president and William Mayer is vice president.

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Butler Athletes Left Mark on Hoosier Records

By BURT CAMPBELL

Many varieties of sports have been enjoyed by people of the Butler community through the years. Due to lack of information we can only assume that the usual type of sporting events were held in the first 40 years. Perhaps some of these were horse racing, baseball, Indian wrestling, woodchopping, square dancing, checkers, etc.

One of the first sports which there is an account of is Baseball. No records are available as to when the first game was played but it is known that the local lads fielded exceptionaly fine teams as long ago as 1880. A few of the outstanding players on these early teams were: L. C. Harding, George Campbell and a Dr. Fanning. One of the first and finest ball parks in the area was located east of South Broadway between the N. Y. C. and Wabash railroad. With a grandstand that would accomodate nearly 800 people, it was the scene for many a thrilling contests provided by the Butler town teams. In the 1920's and early 30's some exceptionaly good teams played on this field. Some of the players of this era were Harvey Phelps, LeRoy Campbell, Kenneth Oberlin, Otis Fisher and a hard throwing left handed pitcher George Olds.

The local interest shifted more to softball in the mid 30's. This change was probably brought about by the construction of a new athletic field which was located where the Elementary School now exists. This new field not only contained a softball diamond but tennis and croquet courts as well. The installation of lights increased the interest more in these activities especially croquet and softball. The enthusiasm for softball mounted to the point that a town league was formed with a game played almost every night of the week. As a result of this much activity a number of outstanding players also developed in this sport. In 1940 a local team was recognized as one of the best in the state and proved it by nearly winning the State Tourna-

"Colonel Strathmore" driven by L. J. Diehl

ment held at Marion. At the start of World War II many of the players entered the service and the local teams were disbanded until the late 40's. At this time the Butler Produce and Canning Co. began sponsoring a softball team which developed into one of the finest in the area. This team was disbanded in 1952.

In 1946 a summer baseball program was started for boys of high school age. This was part of the National American Legion youth program and the local team sponsored by Maxton Motors. In 1948 the local team entered the Jr. Federation League at Ft. Wayne. A new ballpark was built on the Maxton property in the north end of Butler with a roofed grandstand. This field was in existence until 1954. The Maxton teams reached a high point of success in 1953 and 54 when they won the State Federation Tournament.

In 1948 another independent baseball team was formed in Butler for older players by L. W. Bercaw. This team played in the Senior Federation at Ft. Wayne through the early 50's. 1960 marked the beginning of Little League Baseball in Butler for boys 9 through 12 years of age. This brought about the construction of the Dr. C. B. Hathaway Memorial Field located between W. Willow St. and the N.Y.C. Railroad. Approximately 100 boys participate in this program every year. In 1961 a team for boys of ages 13 and 14 was organized and entered the Tri County Pony League which still exists today.

Basketball also has been a popular sport through the years especially in the High School. The first boys team was organized around 1912 and the first players were Charles Wiley, Frank Sechler, F. Firestone, D. A. Baker and Glen Freeburn. Not to be outdone by the boys, a few of the girls also organized a team about this time. Their activity was limited the first years because there was no building in which they could play. A few games were played on outside courts but when the weather got bad the basketball ended. The next season the team fixed up an abandoned church on the corner of Washington and Pearl Street and played there. There were no locker rooms in the building so the players dressed at the school house and ran to the church to play. This was to be the procedure for several years.

In 1924 a separate building was erected for the high school and included the first gymnasium provided by the school. In 1936 another addition was built to the

Rolling Jaycee billboards announce Jubilee to Highway 6 tourists.

school and the present gymnasium was a part of that building.

Many fine teams and outstanding players have played at Butler thru the years. The most successful team played in 1942 when they won the High School Sectional Tournament. In 1963 a consolidation took place involving Butler High School and Riverdale High School to form a new school known as Eastside High School. In 1966 the E.H.S. basketball squad won their first Sectional Tournament at Angola by defeating Hamilton, Fremont and then Waterloo in the final game.

With the consolidation there also came the beginning of football as a part of the athletic program at E.H.S. Football was played in Butler in the early 1900's but for some unknown reason the sport did not progress as did baseball and basketball. A pasture field was used at the north end of Butler to play football in those days. Some humorous stories have been told about the players having to watch where they fell because there was evidence that cattle had been in the field prior to the game.

Track and field has been another sport to share in the athletic history of Butler. This sport was started at the high school in 1930 and has run continuously through the years. From this sport emerged the most successful athlete in the history of Butler. Lewis Blanchard was a distance runner deluxe and in 1945 he proved to be the best miler in the state of Indiana. He ran the mile in 4:31 to win at the Ft. Wayne Sectional. In the State tournament at Indianapolis his winning time was 4:34.3.

Golf although an old sport to some has just in recent years become popular with many Butler residents. The popularity of the fascinating game has grown by leaps and bounds. in the past 25 years. The highlight of each golfing season since 1953 has been a tournament for Butler people called the Butler Open. This too is another sport now being taught in the local high school.

As golf is played in summer, bowling takes over as a form of recreation in the winter. In the history of Butler Bowlers the list of better than average players is quite long. The first Bowling alley in Butler was started in 1942 by Cliff Janke and George Fuller. It was located on the West side of S. Broadway in the middle of the 100 block. This was in operation for 20 years until a new establishment at the east edge of town was constructed in 1962.

The King of Sports, horseracing has also had its glorious moments in the history of Butler. There were probably many horse and buggy races back in the good old days but there has also been a few professional racing horses. The most famous of these was "Col. Strathmore" owned by L. J. Diehl of Butler. "Col. Strathmore" did his racing in the very early 1900's and ran one of the fastest races of all time at the Hicksville Fair in 1900. The track record he set that day stood for many years and perhaps has never been equaled. The "Colonel" lived many years for a horse and died in 1933.

Yes, Sports have played a major part in the lives of many Butler people in the past 125 years and may it always continue this way.

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By ROMAYNE KORSMEYER

The Ladies Culture Club of Butler first realized the need for a Public Library and undertook to organize one in the year 1905. It was located in what was then the Higley Printing company. Books and magazines were contributed by the people of Butler to start the Library. Miss Lottie Brundage served as the first librarian. The necessary funds for maintenance was secured by special efforts of the Board such as lecture courses, entertainments and various programs sponsored by a committee. The Library Board consisted of approximately twenty members, each giving much time and thought to this project.

For almost ten years the library struggled on in this way. After Mrs. F. L. Kiplinger attended the laying of the cornerstone of a "Carnegie Library" in Waterloo, she asked the Board to authorize her to take steps to secure a "Carnegie Library" for the City of Butler. After some correspondence with the "Carnegie Corporation" matters progressed rapidly. One of the initial steps was to organize the Board under the State laws governing libraries. Instead of twenty members this board was to consist of but seven members; three appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court, two by the City Council and two by the Board of Education. The first official Board had as its members Mrs. S. G. Stone, Mr. Thos. Rudd, Mr. T. J. Knisely, Dr. W. F. Shumaker, Mrs. F. L. Kiplinger, Mrs. Morrison Brunstetter and L. H. Higley. Dr. Shumaker was chosen President and Mrs. Kiplinger was elected Secretary and served thirteen consecutive years.

The new Board then presented their request to the Carnegie Corporation and in a short time received a check for $10,000. It was understood that the City of Butler would raise one-tenth of that amount annually for the maintenance of the new library. This grant was a little more than Butler was entitled to under the rules of the Carnegie Corporation, owing to the size of the City.

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So, it was necessary to enlist aid of the townships surrounding Butler. Wilmington and Stafford and Troy Townships readily promised their help. Franklin Township gave assistance for a time but have since withdrawn.

Through the influence of Mr. F. L. Kiplinger, a gift of $750.00 was made by Mr. M. L. Wilkinson of St. Louis, a former Butler resident. Mr. Wilkinson made this gift as a memorial to his daughter Mary Belle. With this money the present site for the library was purchased.

Mr. A. H. Elwood of Elkhart was the architect and Mr. J. C. Bontrager also of Elkhart was the General Contractor for the present library building which was erected in 1915. While there haven't been any changes in the exterior of the library building, the interior has been modernized and improved with a new oil heating system, new floor covering has been installed both in the basement and the main floor of the Library, new fixtures in both of the rest rooms. The walls on the Main floor have been covered with Oak Panelling and draperies placed at the windows. New lounge chairs have also been added to the "Readers' Corner". Attractive children's chairs have been placed in the Juvenile Section.

At various times the basement of the Library has been used for kindergarten and first grade when the School did not have sufficient room.

In the beginning, the library had mostly adult books. Shortly after moving into the Library Building Mrs. Geo. Powers solicited donations from the organizations in Butler and received $125.00 with which the Children's Department was started. At the present time over fifty per cent of the circulation is Juvenile.

There are 10,862 volumes in the library including all major Adult and Children's Encyclopedias, reference books of every kind as well as fiction books for adults and children. Today Reference books and Biographies rival fiction books in popularity. In addition to the books owned by the Library there is a revolving inventory of one hundred and fifty books which are rented and supply the very light fiction and Westerns to patrons without the Library actually purchasing them.

Butler Carnegie Library is very closely associated with the Indiana State

Library and receives much help from them in supplying material we do not have, but are able to secure on loan. We also have inter-loan privileges at the Fort Wayne Library, and work closely and cooperate with the other Libraries in DeKalb County. Butler Carnegie Library operates under the 1947 Indiana Library Law. The average yearly circulation is 16,000 books and magazines.

The present Library Board consist of Paul Mutzfeld, President; Leonard Johnston, Secretary; Esther Hampel, Mrs. H. W. Knisely, Mrs. Willard Underhill, Mrs. Clifford Parker and Walter Smith.

The following people have served as Librarians for Butler Carnegie Library: Miss Lottie Brundage, Mr. Thomas Rudd, Mrs. Nora Rudd served for twenty-two years. She was followed by Mrs. Albert Berg, Mrs. Paul Harding and the present Librarian, Mrs. F. H. Korsmeyer has served since 1950.

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By LELAND J. DIEHL

DR. WILLIAM SHELDON

Dr. Sheldon settled first on Fish Creek on section two (2). He remained there but a year or two, but evidently was of much benefit to the surrounding territory and treated patients in Butler.

DR. JOHN TATMIN
(OR LATMIN)

Dr. John Latmin located in Vienna which is now Newville in 1834 or 1835 and likely cared for Butler people as he traveled far and wide at the fastest gait his white horse could take him.

DR. SOLOMAN STOUGH

Dr. Soloman Stough located on Fish Creek in 1845 and had an extensive practice.

DR. WILLIAM H. MADDEN

Hon. William H. Madden was born April 8, 1825 in Wayne County, Ohio. In 1847 he located in Butler, however only practiced six months. Then went back to Ohio in Jefferson County and Practiced fourteen months. In 1849 he returned to Butler and remained here the rest of his life. In 1876 he was elected to the Indiana Legislature. He was the first Postmaster of Butler in 1853.

DR. JAMES MILLIGAN

Dr. James Milligan a native of Pennsylvania, located in Butler in 1853 where he followed his profession for only five (5) years.

DR. NOYCE COATS

Dr. Noyce Coats a native of Pennsylvania, grew up in Wilmington Township near Butler. He took a course of lectures in Michigan University and was appointed surgeon in the Federal Army during the war of the Rebellion. He died in 1877.

DR. JOSEPH E. BENNETT

Joseph E. Bennett was born in Syracuse, New York, March 25, 1840. He was educated in the Angola schools and began ready Medicine with Dr. C. D. Rice. He attended the Electic Medical

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Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in 1869. In March 1869 he located in Troy township, DeKalb County. In January 1872 he began his practice in Butler.

DR. J. SHELDON LEWIS

Dr. J. Sheldon Lewis was born in Butler in 1858. He was educated in the Butler Schools and the Fort Wayne Medical College. He practiced medicine over what is now Sarabell's Dress Shop.

DR. EDWIN L. FOSDICK

Dr. Fosdick was born May 1, 1856. He attended the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware. He then attended the Medical department of the Michigan University, Ann Arbor, graduating in 1879. He practiced a year at Kewaunee, Indiana. He then came to Butler and in partnership with his father opened a Drug Store. He was a member of the DeKalb County Medical Society.

DR. JOSEPH D. KENNESTRICK

Dr. Kennestrick was a native of Crawford County, Ohio, born January 31, 1853. He came to DeKalb County with his parents in 1864. He was educated at the Butler High School and Fort Wayne Medical College and graduated in 1878. He began his practice in Butler in 1884.

DR. J. S. BARNETT

Dr. J. S. Barnett came from Auglaize County, Ohio. He was the Brother of the Rev. W. C. Barnett, second Minister of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

DR. H. LILY

H. Lily, M.D., practiced early in Butler and was very successful. He was a homeopathic M. D.

DR. SAWYER

Dr. Sawyer was here in 1837 and practiced at Oak Hill.

DR. M. ACHER

Dr. Acher was born in Fayette, Ohio. He came to Butler in 1901, however, only practiced here a short time. He returned to Fayette, Ohio where he later died.

DR. A. D. MILLER

Dr. Miller practiced in Butler only a short time, having been killed in an accident.

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Dr. Samuel located in Butler sometime between 1915 and 1916. He lived and practiced where the Walker Beauty Shop is. He practiced here for a number of years and then moved to Zanesville, Ohio.

DR. CARPENTER

Dr. Carpenter was one of the earlier Doctors practicing in Butler. He built the house that is now the Oakhurst Apartments on West Oak Street.

DR. WM. FRANKLIN SHUMAKER

Dr. Wm. Franklin Shumaker was born in 1865 in Henry County, Ohio. He was educated in Henry County Schools and Fayette Normal School. He attended Starling Medical College, Columbus and at Western Reserve. He started practicing with Dr. Theodore Wood at Metz. After about one year he moved to Butler in 1893.

DR. FRED WALTER FANNING

Dr. Fred Walter Fanning was born in Belleville, Ontario, Canada October 6, 1841 and died at Butler, Indiana October 26, 1906. At sixteen years of age he graduated from the Commercial College of Coburg, Ontario.

He took up the study of Medicine at the University of Michigan in 1862, graduating with highest honors of his class in 1867. He began practice at Beaver Dam, Ohio. In 1869 he moved to Butler, Indiana.

DR. HARRY R. FARNHAM

Dr. Farnham was born at Edgerton, Ohio in 1878. He attended Ohio State University. Later he went to North Western University and Studied Law after which he took up Medicine as his life profession. He started practicing at St. Joe, Indiana where he practiced for several years. He then moved to Butler where he practiced five (5) or six (6) years. He then moved to South Bend, Indiana where he practiced until he was forced to discontinue due to poor health.

DR. ALBERT A. KRAMER

Dr. Albert A. Kramer was born in the State of Ohio on October 27, 1879. He graduated from the Edgerton, Ohio high school. He then spent two (2) years in the Normal School at Angola. He then attended Indiana Medical School where he graduated in 1907 and engaged in a practice here for twelve (12) years leaving Butler in 1919, going to South Bend, Indiana.

DR. FRANK DU VERNEY FANNING

Dr. Frank Fanning was born in Butler, Indiana May 4, 1873 and died January 16, 1933. He graduated from Butler High School in 1891. He then entered the University of Michigan that fall where he spent three years. He received his M.D. degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago in 1897. Dr. Fanning practiced with his father until 1906 then on his fathers death he practiced alone.

DR. K. E. CASPERSON

Dr. K. E. Casperson was educated at the University of Iowa and took his internship at Chicago for one year and at the St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne for one (1) year.

He came to Butler in July of 1926 and started his practice above what is now the Underhill Market. He resided here until October of 1928, when he moved his family to Los Angeles, California.

DR. LYNN H. HARRISON

Dr. Lynn H. Harrison was born April 26, 1871 at Ai, Fulton County, Ohio. He graduated from Fayette Normal School and then took up the study of medicine at the Detroit College of Medicine and in 1895 graduated from the Barne Medical College at St. Louis, Missouri. He came to Butler in 1901 where he practiced until his death February 22, 1935.

DR. C. B. HATHAWAY

Dr. C. B. Hathaway was born at St. Joe, Indiana July 22, 1900. He attended the common schools of St. Joe, Indiana. In 1922 he received his A.B. from Wittenberg College. In the summer of 1923 he took Post Graduate work at the University of Chicago. He then entered the Indiana University School of Medicine and in 1928 he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1928 and 1929 he did interne work and 1929 and 1930 Residence Surgery at the City Hospital in Indianapolis. In August, 1930 he started practicing Medicine in Butler where he practiced until his death November 30, 1959.

DR. CHARLES I. WEIRICH

Dr. Weirich was born in Ossian, Indiana, June 13, 1909. With his parents he moved to Fort Wayne in 1917. Where he entered the public schools, graduating from South Side High School in 1926. He entered Indiana University in

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Earnest and Emila Trestler join the fun.

Fraternal Orders

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Butler. The charter president was James M. Lane who along with the club's 28 members initiated several successful programs. The Jaycees have been fogging the city for the past two years in their war against mosquito's. A community survey was also taken by the Jaycees to aid and assist the service organizations and the city administration to the needs of Butler. Under the leadership of the Jaycees second president, Clair Immel, the Jaycees are acting as coordinating organization for the Gold 'N' Diamond Jubilee under the leadership of Jaycee Committee Chairman Gene Smith. Jaycee membership is open to young men from the ages of 21 to 35 years of age.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The first Boy Scout Troop was organized by Rev. John B. Gardner, pastor of the Butler Lutheran church, around 1912. The roster of names active in early scouting in Butler included such persons as Millard Tyson, George Fuller, Dee Sewell, Harold Hewey, L. F. Tombow, John Brown, Bruce Blair and Frank Ramey.

Scouting came and went with the years until the organization of Troop 170 on December 13, 1939. The troop has been very active and successful since that time and in this area Butler has been one of the strong points in scout activity. Wendell Cooper has been district scout representative for this area for several years and under his direction one of the first Explorer posts in this part of the state was organized in 1958.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF BUTLER

The Butler Business and Professional Women's Club was organized in May 1931 and was sponsored by the Auburn club. The charter was presented to the first president, Grace Phelps, by Adah O. Frost, who was the Indiana state president at that time. The local club is affiliated with the State, National and International Federation. There are clubs in every state of the United States and in practically every country of the world.

We are not just a social and service club, although this plays an important part in a small community. Our State motto is "Better Prepared Women for the Future." and our programs are planned to better prepare women for their place in the business and professional world.

We have participated in many civic projects, including sending a girl to Girls' State, a member of the Riley Hospital Cheer Guild, and presenting a scholarship to a senior girl from the local high school who intends to further her education in either a business or a profession.

The membership is between 40 and 45, and most of these are business or professional women of Butler and community. The club is allowed a small percentage of membership to be housewives or those who are no longer actively engaged in a business or a profession.

Officers for the year 1966-1967 are: President, JoAnn Livelsberger; 1st Vice-Pres., Sarabell Wilson; 2nd Vice-Pres., Leota Lane; Recording Sec., Dorothy Parker; Corresponding Sec., Ruth Jones; and Treasurer, Mary Beatty.

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the fall of the same year where he became a member of the Kappa Sigma Social Fraternity. He served his internship at the St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. On February 1, 1933, Dr. Weirich began his practice in Butler and has practiced here since that time.

DR. CLIFFORD J. SHULTZ

Dr. Clifford J. Shultz was born in Butler, Indiana in 1928, the son of Ralph and Gladys Shultz.

Dr. Shultz moved with his family to LaGrange, Indiana the same year. He attended the LaGrange public schools where he graduated in 1946.

Dr. Shultz attended Ball State at Muncie, Indiana in 1946 and 1947 and Indiana University in 1947.

He returned to Ball State in 1948 and graduated in 1951.

He enrolled at the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine in 1951 and graduated in 1955.

Dr. Shultz was married to Miss Kathryn Smith of Plainfield, New Jersey in 1949. They are the parents of two children Marilyn Kay, born in 1952 and Clifford J. 2nd born in 1955.

Dr. Shultz served in the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1958 at McCoy Air Force Base in Orlando, Florida. McCoy was classed as a Strategic Air Command Base. Dr. Shultz held the rank of Captain.

Dr. Shultz began his private practice in Orlando, Fla. in 1958 staying until 1961.

In 1961 Dr. Shultz moved his family to Butler and entered into a partnership with Dr. Charles I. Weirich, where he has practiced medicine up to the present time.

The first organization of Doctors of the DeKalb County Society occurred on July 27, 1882 at the home of Dr. W. P. Carpenter in the City of Butler. Doctors for Butler at that time were W. H. Madden, J. S. Barnett, J. B. Bennett, J. S. Kenestrick, J. Sheldon, V. Lewis, W. P. Carpenter, F. W. Fanning and E. L. Fosdick.

Some other early Drs. who practiced in Butler were Drs. Anderson, Kester, Horton, Strong, Boland, Hoopengartner and Murphy.

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